

MARCH 16, 2015 7:00 P.M.
JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JONES COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX – COMMISSIONERS’ ROOM
MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sondra Ipock-Riggs, Chairperson
Joseph Wiggins, Vice-Chairman
Michael Haddock, Commissioner
Frank Emory, Commissioner
Zack Koonce, Commissioner

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Franky J. Howard, County Manager
Angelica Hall, Clerk

The Chairperson called the meeting to order. Vice-Chairman Joseph Wiggins gave the invocation. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Franky Emory, seconded by Commissioner Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** the agenda be **APPROVED** as presented.

MOTION made by Commissioner Michael Haddock, seconded by Commissioner Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** the minutes of March 2, 2015 Regular Session Meeting be **APPROVED**.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

There were no public comments.

1. LONG POINT COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

James Harper presented a proposal for a Youth Recreation/Learning Center in the Long Point Community. He is requesting \$10,000.00 per year for four years from the County which will be matched by Mr. Harper each year to fund the project. Commissioner Joseph Wiggins inquired to the type of support Mr. Harper was receiving from the community of Long Point in which Mr. Harper stated he had no support from the community. Commissioner Frank Emory inquired about the size of the facility and was told that the building will be 40x40 or 40x80 set on a concrete slab. Commissioner Frank Emory then inquired about the purchase of land and if Mr. Harper had sought out any grants to fund the project. Mr. Harper responded that he could purchase the land and that he has looked for grants to fund the project. The Board requested that Mr. Harper provide them with measurements, exact location, documentation showing the land will perk and the total cost for the project. No action was taken at this time. A copy of the letter which is marked **EXHIBIT A** and hereby incorporated and made a part of the minutes.

2. APPOINTMENT OF FINANCE OFFICER

Mr. Franky Howard followed up with the Board in reference to the interviews for the Finance Officer position and the appointment of Brenda Reece as the Finance Officer effective April

1, 2015. **MOTION** made by Michael Haddock, seconded by Frank Emory and unanimously carried **THAT** Brenda Reece will be hired and appointed as Jones County Finance Officer at a grade 31-2 at a salary of \$67,828, effective April 1, 2015.

3. 14/DOT WATERLINE RELOCATION, RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD

Mr. Franky Howard informed the Board that the relocation of the County water lines will be funded by the DOT. The DOT will also funnel the work through the County and our Engineers. Mr. Franky Howard informed the Board that a bid had been advertised for the water lines from highway 58 North to the Craven County Line. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Michael Haddock and unanimously carried **THAT** the service contract be awarded to KBS Construction Company, Fremont, NC. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Michael Haddock, seconded by Commissioner Frank Emory and unanimously carried **THAT** the project budget be **APPROVED** as presented.

4. IN-HOME AIDE BIDS

Mr. Franky Howard provided the board with an update pertaining to the In-Home Aide Bids. Since the Department of Social Services is transitioning as the lead agency on Aging Services for Jones County they will have to re-bid the In-Home aide services that were previously awarded to Interim Home Health Care. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Zack Koonce and unanimously carried **THAT** the old award to Interim Home Health Care be rescinded. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Zack Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Frank Emory and unanimously carried **THAT** the new service contract be awarded to Accommodating Home Health Care at \$13.88/hour.

5. UNC SOG WORKSHOP ON K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION

Mr. Franky Howard provided information to the Board about a workshop for County Commissioners and their role in Public Education. Franky Emory expressed his interest in attending a workshop which will take place on April 2, 2015 or April 8, 2015.

6. RESPONSE FROM DUKE ENERGY

Mr. Franky Howard presented the Board with a letter in reference to the tree trimming plans for Jones County. A copy of the letter which is marked **EXHIBIT B** and hereby incorporated and made a part of the minutes.

7. STATE BUDGET INFORMATION

Mr. Franky Howard presented the Board with the State Budget recommendations from the Governor's Office and the response from the NCACC. Mr. Howard informed the Board that there would be more discussion when they receive Senate or House budget.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

There were no reports from Mr. Howard.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Zack Koonce attended the NCACC Mental Health task force meeting and the JPS meeting on March 12, 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments

MOTION made by Commissioner Zack Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be **ADJOURNED** at 7:50 pm.

Sondra Ipock-Riggs
Chairperson

Angelica Hall
Clerk to the Board

EXHIBIT A

16 March 2015

To: Jones County Commissioners

Subj: Youth Recreation/Learning Center in the Long Point Community

As a descendant of the Long Point Community, I have often dreamt of available/accessible recreation and learning resources within the community. For far too long this dream has gone unrealized. In support of this initiative the following plan is offered.

Phase I - Procurement of Land/Physical location of project/submittal of grant(s)/ID Legal Requirements, etc (NLT Nov 2015).

Phase II – Legal Requirements/Grants/Funding (NLT Nov 2016)

Phase III – Ground Breaking/Construction (NLT Nov 2017)

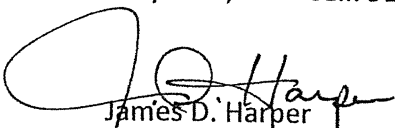
Phase IV – Open House (NLT July 2018)

FUNDING:

- A. During budget session(s), request Jones County Commissioners allocate \$10,000 each year for four years in support of this initiative (Total \$40,000).
- B. I will match, dollar for dollar, each dollar allocated by the county up to \$40,000. The cost of the land will be included in this total, however, NO contributions will be included as part of my total cost.
- C. Request the County Commissioners task the county to submit application for recreation and learning center grants as they become available.
- D. Request each County Commissioner donate one lap top computer w/printer in support of this initiative. Each lap top computer will be engraved with "DONATED BY _____, JONES COUNTY COMMISSIONER.
- E. Request Jones County Commissioners provide and/or appoint a monitor to ensure all facets of this initiative are compliant, funding reconciliation, progressing, etc.

NOTE: No funding will be disbursed until all legal requirements are satisfied, however, it is requested that Phase I be initiated as soon as practical.

Request a response be forwarded NLT 31 July 2015 to: James D. Harper, P. O. Box 811, Maysville, NC. Cell: 910-330-6908.


James D. Harper

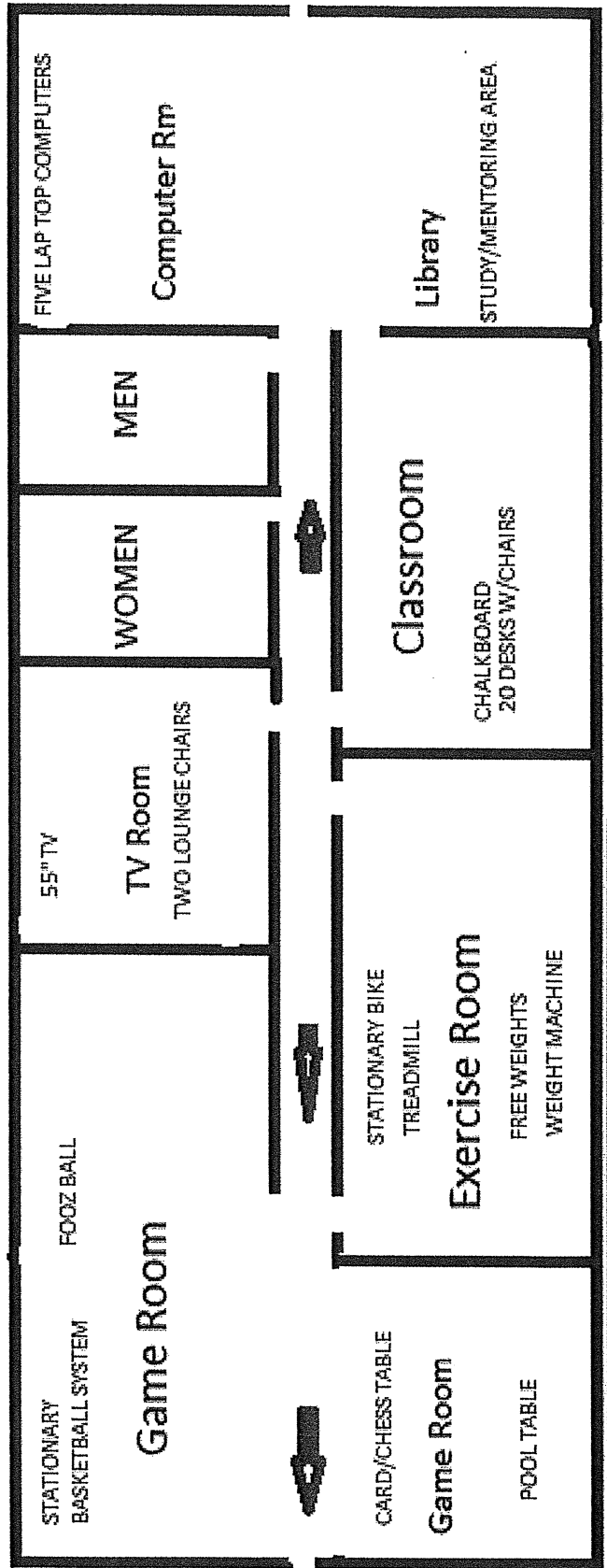
YOUNG MEN 2 MEN

Walking Trail

Horse Shoes

Basketball Ct

YOUTH RECREATION/LEARNING CENTER



PARKING

Picnic Area
Shelter w/Tables

EXHIBIT B



2637 Gum Branch Road
Jacksonville, NC 28540

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Mar. 9, 2015

Mr. Franky Howard
Jones County
PO Box 340
Trenton NC 28585

Subject: Duke Energy maintenance

Dear Franky:

Thank you for taking time to discuss Duke Energy's plans for tree trimming in Jones County and to further explain the concerns expressed by Chairperson Riggs in her letter of March 2, 2015. Duke Energy is here for you as a resource if you get questions or need additional information. I have also attached the pdf file of our trim brochure and you are welcome to post this information to the county website.

Within the next two weeks, we will start a detailed review of the tree maintenance that needs to be conducted. This will occur along Highway 17 and on Highway 58 towards Trenton. Once the work assessment is complete, we can provide a better estimate of the time required to complete the work, depending on weather and other factors. We anticipate starting this during the second quarter of the year. This area was last trimmed in 2008.

As you are aware, we have a responsibility to deliver power safely and reliably for our customers here in the Carolinas. Trees around our lines are one of the main causes of power outages, so we must trim the right of way to keep our lines clear of trees and vegetation. Our process is to remove any natural growth that could pose a danger to the power lines. By removing potentially dangerous hazards, we are helping to keep power on in the community.

Our crews use a variety of methods to monitor and manage vegetation growth on distribution and transmission power line rights of way. Our methods are monitored for safety, environmental impact and costs. To inform our customers before we start work on their property, we will attempt to contact the customer at least 3 days prior to any work taking place on their property. We knock on the door of the customer and if no one is at home we leave a door hanger with contact information for the General Foreman that will be leading the crews in the area. This pre-notification will allow the customer to contact the foreman directly on his cell phone should they have questions or concerns regarding the work being planned or once the work is completed. If you are aware of any areas where we might encounter sensitivity to this work, please advise and we are happy to meet with an individual citizen, in advance of the work starting. The crews in the area will be from Davey Tree.

I am also providing you with a link to our website where we keep right of way information for you to access as well should you have a question.

<http://www.duke-energy.com/safety/right-of-way-management/pec-vegetation-management.asp>

Thanks in advance of your support of our efforts to provide our customers with safe, reliable and cost effective electricity for Jones County. Please feel free to share this information with your staff or commissioners and if you have questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Millie M. Chalk". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Millie M. Chalk
Government and Community Relations